



August 28, 2018

To: The Deans of Medicine, and  
Postgraduate Deans of Medicine

**RE: Further Instructions from the Saudi Ministry of Education**

Greetings from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Bureau:

I am writing to confirm that on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Saudi Ministry of Education approved the following instructions concerning Saudi medical trainees in Canada:

1. All trainees in residency and fellowship programs may, at their option, remain in their programs at Canadian Medical Schools until such time as they have obtained final admission into equivalent training programs in other countries;
2. Any trainees who are presently on Leaves of Absence may, at their option, return to their programs and resume their training in Canada;

On behalf of all Saudi medical trainees in Canada, I would like express our sincere appreciation to you, your program directors, house staff and everyone else in your esteemed Faculty of Medicine and affiliated teaching hospitals for the outstanding support, assistance and understanding you have kindly provided to our trainees.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fawzy A Bukhari  
Saudi Arabian Cultural Attaché in Canada